



BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

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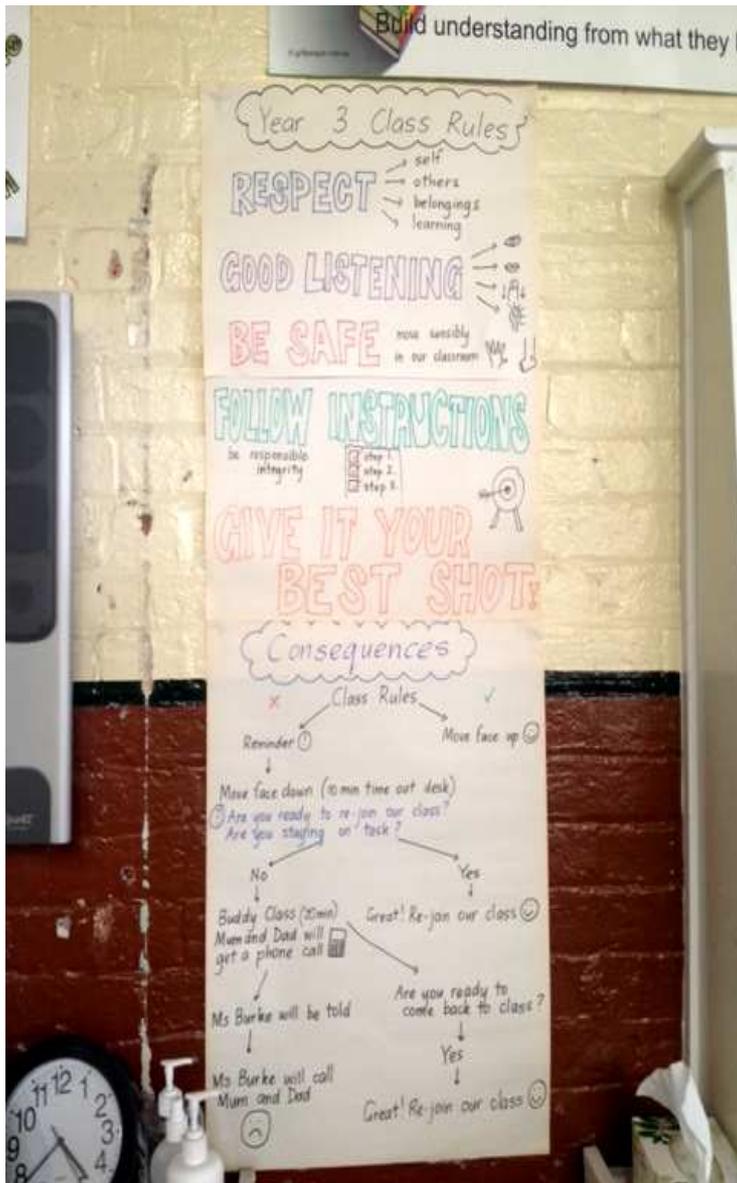
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

Dear Parents/Carers,

The first two weeks of this term have raced by! Teachers have been working hard to learn about the diversity of their students, develop class rules, review student data, and establish where students are up to in their learning. As a result, our students are settled in classes and engaged with the curriculum. Our English as an Additional Language and Intervention specialist teachers have also been working hard over the past two weeks to develop support programs across the school to ensure that every day, every student is learning. My sincere thanks to our professional and dedicated staff who have worked exceptionally hard to ensure that the first two weeks have operated as smoothly as possible.



	
Fit n' Active: (Commencing Week 4: 17/02/2014)	3:00pm – 4:15pm Mondays: Year 4 – Year 7 Thursdays: Prep – Year 3
Play and Stay:	3:00pm – 4:00pm Wednesdays and Fridays
Tuesdays:	Junior Choir Rehearsals: 8:00am – 8:45am
	Parent English Class: 12:00pm – 2:30pm
	Assembly: 2:30pm
Wednesdays:	Senior Choir Rehearsals: 8:15am – 8:45am
	Ukulele Ensemble: 11:00am - 11:30am
Thursdays:	Chess Club: 8:00am
Fridays:	Gardening Club: 8:30am
	Uniform Shop Open: 8:30am – 9:30am
Fridays: 14/02/2014 – 28/03/2014	Year 1 – Year 7 Swimming Lessons
11/02/2014 – 12/02/2014	StartSmart Program
12/02/2014	SLP visit
12/02/2014	Meet and Greet Parent Information Evening Prep – Year 2: 6:00pm – 6:35pm Year 3 – Year 7: 6:35pm – 7:05pm
18/02/2014	School Leaders' Induction Ceremony: 2:30pm
26/02/2014	City District Swimming Carnival
03/03/2014	Young Leaders' Day - Year 6/7 students
04/03/2014	Pancake Tuesday
05/03/2014	P&C AGM: <i>Time to be confirmed</i>
05/03/2014	SLP visit
18/03/2014	Prep – Year 7 Harmony Day Assembly and activities: 9:00am
24/03/2014	Years 4 – 7 French Film Festival Excursion
24/03/2014 – 04/04/2014	Prep – Year 7 Parent-Teacher Interviews
26/03/2014	SLP visit
04/04/2014	Prep – Year 7 Easter Hat Parade: 9:00am
04/04/2014	Last school day – Term 1, 2014
05/04/2014 - 21/04/2014	Term 1 School holidays
22/04/2014	First school day – Term 2, 2014



Student Leadership Program:

Our four school leaders had the opportunity this week to attend a two day Student Leadership program with school leaders from the City Cluster schools. Students had the opportunity to attend Y Lead programs, listen to guest speaker, Ben Ikin, and participate in a team planning session's program. The program will continue for the next two terms, culminating in a presentation at Parliament House.

Meet and Greet Parent Information Night:

Our "Meet and Greet" Parent Information Night will be held on **Wednesday February 12, 2014**.

Prep, Prep/1, Year 1, and Year 2 will hold their information sessions from **6:00pm – 6:30pm**.

Years 3, 3/4, 4/5, 5/6 and 6/7 will hold their information nights from **6:35pm – 7:05pm**.

I would like to **strongly encourage all our parents** to attend their child's class Information Evening. This is an excellent opportunity to find out about the following topics:

- Class procedures and routines
- Class timetable and overview of the curriculum that will be taught
- Teaching and learning within a multi-age class
- Whole school Improvement agenda
- Homework
- Parent Involvement
- Extra-Curricular activities
- NAPLAN tests (Years 3/5/7)
- Communication

There will also be opportunities for parents to ask questions and clarify any information. Our French teacher, Ms Rosa Maroto will also be available, to discuss our excellent French program.

Babysitting is available in the Music Room.

Rules:

Each week at assembly, we discuss our three school rules – "Be Safe, Be Responsible and Be Respectful". This week I was able to acknowledge the way our students were wearing their uniforms with pride and respect. Students were also reminded that in the mornings, they need to demonstrate responsible and safe behaviour by waiting under the jacaranda tree or playing handball until the bell rings at 8:55am. At this time, they should proceed directly to class. We appreciate parents discussing and reinforcing our rules with their children at home.



Great Results Guarantee:

Our school has received additional funding from the *Great Results Guarantee* and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes.

We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy.

Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee.

If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch.



Year 1-7 Swimming:

Our Swimming program commences next Friday, February 14. Please ensure that you have made all payments and have returned the permission form so that your child can participate in the swimming program. Please find a copy of the swimming letter and permission form on our website. Should you be experiencing any difficulty with making payment, please see Carolina Duncan in the first instance.



Parking:

The beginning of the school year brings considerable pressure on our already limited parking here at Brisbane Central State School. I recommend that if possible, parents walk/cycle with their child to school or use the school drop off/pick up zone. Due to recent hazardous parking in our car park, **we will now be locking the car park gates from 8:40am, to enhance the safety of our students. Please be aware that should you park in the school car park before 8:40am, you may be locked in until after 9:00am.** Should you wish to drive your child to school, we recommend utilising the drop off zone that you can access via Water Street. Our drop off zone is supervised by our teacher aides, who will ensure that your child will safely get to class.

When dropping off and picking up students from school, it is crucial that you follow Queensland road rules to ensure the safety of our students. This includes refraining from double parking and avoid parking in “no standing” zones, or on parts of the road bordered by a yellow line. Please ensure that if your child walks to and from school independently, that they know to cross only at designated pedestrian crossings and at lights. Please help us to ensure that all students are safe when arriving and leaving the school grounds in 2014.



Voluntary Financial Contributions:

At the end of 2011, the P&C approved the introduction of a Voluntary Contribution Scheme for Brisbane Central State School. The Voluntary Contribution Scheme is used to supplement the funding provided to the school by Education Queensland and the P&C. Voluntary financial contributions will be used by Brisbane Central State School to provide an enhanced educational service and to enhance resources available for student learning. The scheme and its operation are also incorporated in the school’s audit process, regularly undertaken by Education Queensland.

In 2014, the monies raised will be directed towards the purchase of additional resources to implement the Australian Curriculum in Mathematics, English, Science, History and Geography.

2014 Voluntary Contribution Rate: Years 1 – 7 \$50 per child, \$100 per family.

Every family will receive a letter regarding the Voluntary Financial Contribution, including the payment details. Your monetary support is greatly appreciated.



Music program:

Our new Music teacher, Mrs Jenny Battersby, our new Instrumental Music Teacher, Mr Colin McIntyre and our Junior Choir teachers, Miss Kylie Wall and Miss Rae Ross, will be working hard this year to further enhance our Music program, and provide greater opportunities for our students to engage in musical activities. Rehearsal times for Band, Choir and Ukulele Ensemble will be as follows:

- **Band:** Thursday 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- **Junior Choir:** Tuesday 8:00am in the hall – starts Tuesday 11 February

- **Senior Choir:** Wednesday 8:15am in the Music Room – starts Wednesday 12 February
- **Ukulele ensemble:** Wednesday 11:00am – 11:30am

Band students will need to remember to bring their instrument on Tuesdays so that they can continue to play the National Anthem at assembly.



Communication:

Our school has a number of ways that we communicate with our parents and these are:

- **School newsletter:** Our school newsletter is disseminated on Friday afternoons, and contains a range of important information and updates. It is essential that you read our newsletter every week so that you are up to date with all that is happening at our busy school. We disseminate the newsletter electronically to parents on Fridays. If you do not receive an electronic copy of our school email, please email James Price - jpric192@eq.edu.au, with a request to add your address to our distribution list.
- **School website:** Our school website is updated every Friday with news, events, and parent letters. You can also find information about our class times, tuckshop menu and Outside School Hours Care. Go to www.brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au for an instant update.
- **QSchools app:** The QSchools app can be downloaded from iTunes Store and Google Play for free. All information from our website is downloaded to the app, and is a quick and convenient way to keep informed.
- **Social media:** Follow us on Twitter – Bris_Cent_SS and like us on Facebook- Brisbane Central State School. Like and follow us today!!
- **Parent letters:** Class teachers will be sending home Class Information letters by the end of next week. Please keep an eye out for these so that you have an overview of what will be happening in your child's class this year. Periodically, permission letters will also be sent home via your child for excursions, activities and events. If you suspect that these letters have not made it home, please follow up with your child's class or specialist teacher.
- **Email:** All Education Queensland teachers are allocated an email address. As it may be difficult for working parents to "touch base" with their child's teacher on a regular basis, email can also be an efficient and effective way to maintain effective communication between parent and teacher. Should you wish to obtain the email address of your child's teacher, please do not hesitate to contact Carolina Duncan in our school office or via email – admin@brisbanecentralss.eq.edu.au. Our class teachers will be sharing their email address with parents at the information evening also.
- **In person:** Often the most effective way to communicate with either myself or your child's teacher is in person. Sometimes teachers are available before and after school for a quick chat. When a more in-depth discussion is required, we ask that you make a time with either myself or your child's teacher so that we can allow enough time to discuss your concerns and questions. If you are worried about your child or have a concern, we ask that you discuss it with us earlier rather than later. Often issues can be resolved quickly when they are raised in a timely, open and honest way. We believe that there is a solution to every problem, and we want to ensure that all students are happy, safe and learning. To help us to do this, we need parents to let us know when something isn't working well for your child. You can also let us know when something is working well for your child!

Have a great week!

Melissa

PARENT ENGLISH CLASSES FOR BRISBANE CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL

The Parent English class for 2014 starts on Tuesday afternoon, 11 February in the school hall at 12:00 noon. The class will continue until 2:00pm allowing time to prepare for School Assembly.

These classes are taught by volunteer ESL teachers at no cost to your family. The classes provide an opportunity to grow in your use of day to day English. There will be lots of talking with some laughs as we engage in conversational English in many different settings.

This program also provides an opportunity to meet other parents in our school community. We are happy for you to bring your young children (under 5years old) to the classes.

We welcome back parents continuing from 2013, and also welcome newcomers to the program.

Allison Chard and Sandra Trickett (Adult ESL teachers)

UNIFORM NEWS

OPENING HOURS – The Uniform Shop will only be open FRIDAY mornings from 8:30am to 9:30am

ORDERING UNIFORMS - If you would like to order uniforms you can email Amanda on bcsspandc@hotmail.com and it will be put in your child's school bag after payment is received. If you have ordered the wrong size, it can be returned as long as it has not been worn.

METHODS OF PAYMENT: You can put **cash** or **cheque** in an envelope for your child to give to their teacher, or

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(2) You can bank the total into the P & C account

BSB: 064012, Account: 0090 4486 (NOT THE SCHOOL BANK ACCOUNT) - Detail uniform with your name (e.g. Uniform Smith).

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer in the Uniform Shop, please email Amanda bcsspandc@hotmail.com.